

Starboard Tack



WEST SHORE SAIL CLUB

December 2018

From The Commodore ...

Commodore Newsletter article for December 2018 – David Monk

I hope everyone got their boats ready for winter early this year; we kind of went from normal temps in October to a full out winter freeze in November with very cold weather and no cooler temps to prepare the boats or even clean up the yards... there's a 21 degree wind chill outside as I write this article... But on the positive side, that likely puts us all in the early holiday spirit for our upcoming Christmas Party.

I know I said this last year but it is again hard to believe that this is the last article for 2018; it seems the year has gone by so fast – and again the entire club has done a wonderful job working, supporting, representing, and “playing” at WSSC. And again, it is my hope that you had as good a year as I did. I am so proud to be a member and small part of a club that offers such a wonderful mixture of cruising, racing and social/fellowship events that are open and fun for everyone. I also want to thank everyone within the membership for your wonderful help and support. And if you are like me, you should be looking forward to another wonderful year as we head into our 47th year under the wonderful direction of Commodore elect Lance Yee and Lady Christie in 2019.

Speaking of elections, the membership at the November General Membership Meeting provided the club a full docket of dedicated, hardworking, and very capable Flag Officers, Board of Directors, Executive Committee members, Chairpersons, and Appointed personnel. I personally want to thank each of them for stepping forward to uphold our club and wish each of them the greatest for 2019. I look forward to your direction and to following, supporting and working with each of you in the coming year.

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Elected

Lance Yee - Commodore; Chairman - Executive Committee & Board of Directors
 Tim Lozon - Vice Commodore; Executive Committee & Board of Directors, Chairman Racing
 Russ Sims - Rear Commodore; Executive Committee & Board of Directors, Chairman Cruising
 Rick Bohl - Secretary; Executive Committee & Board of Directors
 PC Doug Howe - Treasurer; Executive Committee & Board of Directors
 Angela McKeith – Membership Chairman; Executive Committee
 PC Dick Synowiec – Past Commodore Committee Co-Chairmen; Past Commodore Board of Directors
 PC Kathy Howe - Membership Board of Directors

Appointed

Don Baumgartner - Cruising Fleet Captain
 PC Chris McCardell - Racing Fleet Captain
 PC Doug & PC Kathy Howe - I-LYA/Boat US/US Sailing Representative
 PC Dick Synowiec & Steve Lewis - PHRF-LE Representatives
 Colleen Bury - Newsletter Editor
 Matt Hevron - Activities Chairman
 Andrew & Julianne Lozon - Advertising Chairman
 Karen Laughner – Chairman Commodore’s Ball Committee
 PC Mike Jablonski – WSSC Historian & Past Commodore Committee Co-Chairmen
 Frank Pavia - WSSC Anniversary Album
 Russ Sims - Starboard Tack Newsletter Printing

The December GMM & annual Christmas Party is our next event on December 6th at Mr. Nick’s in Trenton. It is a wonderful time to congratulate our elected leadership for 2019 and it is a great opportunity to get together to celebrate the coming holidays with friends. And again this year, please remember this is also a Toys for Tots collection event for children that are not as fortunate as most of us. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy(s) for children up to about age 12 as Dale Brennon is coordinating with the US Marines Corp. to collect these toys. This is a charity that WSSC has been supporting for years and it is always so wonderful to see the great generosity of our membership.

If it is December it must also be time for the first 2019 WSSC Race Committee meeting that will be held on Thursday, December 13th, at 7:30 pm at PCs Doug & Kathy Howe’s home at 8870 Marquette Dr. Grosse Ile. Everyone is welcome and hope to see you there.

Speaking of parties – I mean meetings -- I again want to thank Leo Garbacz for the great chili and the members that attended the WSSC November Cruising Committee meeting. As I continue to say, any member that does not attend these is truly missing out on a wonderful time. There is another cruising meeting scheduled in January so all just might want to keep that in mind.

With cruising and racing meetings now underway to plan 2019, I again find myself thinking back over the year that just pasted so quickly. As they say, the second time seems easier and that is because there are so many people that made this year’s events come together. There are so many members and friends that I want to thank for making my second Commodore year so memorable for me and so pleasurable for the membership. I hope I have been smart enough to again show my appreciation for all your help and support throughout this great year; and if I have not, please feel free to kindly remind me so I can make amends before it is too late. Again, **Thank you all so much!** You have all made it such a rewarding and memorable year and I really look forward to seeing all that continues for 2019.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and see you at the Christmas Party on December 6th ...

From The Commodore continued from page 1...

Quick Reminders:

- WSSC December GMM; Christmas Party & Toys for Tots - December 6, 2018 at Mr. Nick's in Trenton.
- WSSC Race Committee Meeting – Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm at PCs Doug & Kathy Howe's residence: 8870 Marquette Dr. Grosse Ile Mi. 48183
- And a Wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season to the membership.
- WSSC January GMM: Change of Watch – January 3, 2019 at Mr. Nick's in Trenton.
- Check the WSSC website and your emails for additions happenings.

David

PS: Deepest sympathy to the friends and family of P/C Dave Dumas (WSSC 1995 Commodore) who recently passed away from leukemia.



Here is a picture of our soon to be Rear Commodore winning a trophy from Ford Yacht Club for his participation in the WSSC Jack & Jill Race. His "Jill" was Renee (not pictured).



From the Vice Commodore...

Seas & Greetings!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. What a busy time of year with putting our boats away for the Winter, Thanksgiving and upcoming Holidays.

I would like to thank everyone that participated and helped in our racing program last season, it sure was a lot of fun (and work).

There will be a Race Committee Meeting on December 13 (time to be determined) to review and set the dates for next year's race calendar. We are still working on the details; however Doug and Kathy Howe have offered to host the meeting. Look for an email soon with specifics.

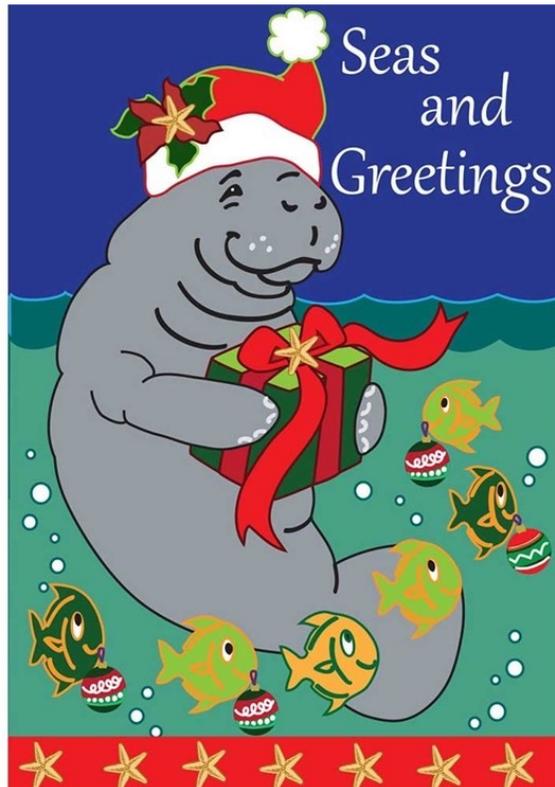
If you have not submitted your Racing Boat of the Year entry they are due January 31st to me: noagenda-crew@gmail.com or 230 Wakefield, Commerce Township, MI 48382.

Pease remember to bring a new, unwrapped toy for our Toys for Tots drive, taking place during our December 6th General Membership Meeting; THANK YOU DALE for organizing this event.

Since I am a depressingly long way away from retirement, I have set the retirement app on my phone to countdown days until No Agenda is launched; 140 days and counting...

Smooth Sailing,

Lance



From the Rear Commodore...

Merry Christmas!

Wow did I just say that? How can it possibly be that this is where we find ourselves already? I cannot speak for everyone, but it sure seems to me that the older I get the faster time goes by. Listening to the radio and watching TV commercials leaves no doubt that the spending spree is on!

But let's remember the real reason for the season and the fact that Jesus was a Sailor! He spent much of his time near and on the Sea of Galilee. There is a nice poem by John Ackerman- check it out. So happy birthday to our Savior and Lord and His blessings to all.

2018 has been a fast and rushed year for my family with numerous weddings and activities. I hope that as I step up to my new position as Vice Commodore in 2019 that the pace slows down a bit. (Although I know that Cindy and I are on a tough road with all the racing activities and duties) Thankfully Doug and Kathy have offered to mentor us through the year, and many others have already reached out to offer a hand. Some have said that I might do a better job this year since my duties are more involved with Racing vs Cruising but obviously, they have not seen my race record!

Cruising- We had our final meeting of the year at Leonard's home to review the season and the hospitality and chili were superb. Kathy Howe mentioned that Toledo, with a visit to the National Museum of the Great Lakes, might be an interesting and new destination. There are lots of restaurants and pubs within walking distance.

Our next meeting is at Doug & Kathy Howe's residence on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019 at 1:00 pm. As noted in the minutes, Kathy will anchor this meeting's luncheon with her famous lasagna. This is our most important meeting of the year; the new 2019 Cruising Committee is officially appointed, and officers elected, the 2018 cruising awards are voted, and the upcoming 2019 cruising season is developed. Participation to create a great 2019 cruising season is vital. I hope all will be able to attend.

Racing- the first meeting of the Racing Committee will be on Thursday Dec 13th. Once again, the Howes have graciously offered to host this event.

The meeting is open to any member that has an interest in racing with us on Wednesday nights and or specialty regattas, as well as those who might be interested in helping with committee boat duties or perhaps joining the committee itself.

At this meeting we will be reviewing the 2018 racing season, and more importantly scheduling our dates for the WNATR series and specialty races.

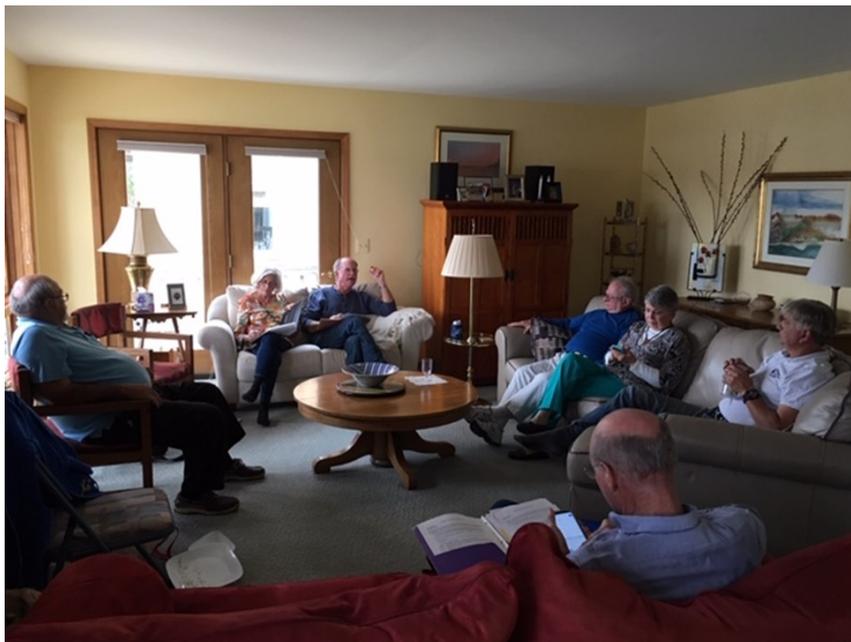
Please mark your calendars and plans to attend this important meeting on **Thursday December 13th at 7:30 pm. Doug and Kathy Howe's address: 8870 Marquette Dr. Grosse Ile, MI 48138 734-675-6133**

From the Rear Commodore continued...

A special thanks to everyone who has stepped up to fill in vacant positions in the club for 2019 as well as those who served this year!

Ps: for those that actually read my articles I have included pics from my final late November outing of the year. The weather was nice but unfortunately and as predicted it was more of a work party than a sail.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Cruising Committee meeting at Leonard's Home and the Clean up Crew (notice the lack of men!).



WSSC November 2018 Meeting Minutes

West Shore Sail Club General Membership Meeting Minutes – November 2018

Date: Thursday, November 1, 2018

Members in attendance: ---37 members and visitors in attendance – Meeting held at Monroe Boat Club as Mr. Nick's basement was not available.

Time called to order: Meeting called to order by Commodore David M. at 7:41 pm

Commodore's Report – David M.

- Motion made by Amy and seconded by Frank B. to accept General Membership Meeting minutes for October 2018.
- Mail:
 - Monroe Bank & Trust Statement – given to David S.
 - 1 expense report for WTNAR that was given to David S.
 - Thank You note from American Cancer Society
- Sailing 2018 has come to an official end. October Awards Night on October 19 had a better turn out than GIYC Awards Dinner. Thank you to V/C Lance Y., Dick S., Chris M. and everyone who raced, volunteered and came to the Events.
- Boat of the Year applications are on the Website and due January 31, 2019.
- Cruising Boat of the Year logs are due to Log Master Kathy Howe December 10, 2018.
- Cruising Committee Meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, November 4 at 1:00 PM at Leonard Garbacz Home in Waterford. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Thank you to Monroe Boat Club Commodore Don for hosting WSSC at their club with renovations going on at Mr. Nick's. Burger night made it extra special.
- December 9 GMM meeting is the Annual Christmas Party. Dale B. has organized the Toys for Tots drive. Please bring unwrapped new toys for donations. Please note that location may need to be changed – stay tuned.
- Tonight's meeting will be the nomination and election for 2019 officers and will be conducted by Dick S. in Old Business.
- Monroe Signs has returned my phone calls and we still have large WSSC stickers, but hope to have small WSSC stickers for next meeting.
- Please see David M. if you wish to purchase burgee stickers or WSSC shirts (only 6 left) are still available for sale. If interested in custom embroidering on your own items, please see Karen L. Also, Karen now has the WSSC burgee patches that she can make.

Vice Commodore's Report – Lance Yee

- There was a small snafu with Seaborne Flags which did not arrive in time for the Awards Dinner. However, we improvised and got creative with poster board – please see pictures in Starboard Tack.
- The flags did arrive and majority have been handed out; Todd D. to hand out to remaining Grosse Ile winners. Additional flags will be delivered at Ford awards banquet this weekend.
- Thank you Chris M. (big time!), Race Committee and volunteers who make racing season.
- Final 2018 Race Committee meeting will be held in December; look to December newsletter and email for details.

WSSC November 2018 Meeting Minutes Continued...

Rear Commodore's Report – Tim Lozon

- Thank you to Don and Sandy B. for “babysitting” me through the 2018 Cruising Season
- Sail logs are due to Kathy Howe by December 10.
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- Last 2018 Cruising Committee meeting set for this Sunday, November 4 at Leonard’s Garbacz house in Waterford. Award winning chili is on the menu and everyone should bring a complimentary dish to pass as well as your own drinks.
- What is the “If we-da” Award? - An award given to the best What if we would have done something other than what we did. WSSC has many of these types of awards.
- No presentation tonight.

Treasurer's Report – David S.

David S. passed out the Statement of Activities/Financials for October 2018:

Revenue:	\$437.59
Expenses:	\$1,559.30
Net Decrease:	\$(1,121.71)
YTD Revenue:	\$14,366.81
YTD Expenses:	\$11,869.69
YTD Increase:	\$2,497.12
Cash, Oct 31, 2018	\$15,927.17

Membership Chair's Report – Ray K.

- 97 members in WSSC – 13 new in 2018 ; 4 new members in October
- 2018 Goal was 90 members so that has been upped to 100 members by end of 2018
- Plan is to get new Directory out in January 2019 with all new members and updates. Last Directory was mid-April 2018

Memory Book – Frank P.

- Every meeting, Frank brings the Memory Book which was started on WSSC 40th Anniversary and now in it's 7th year. This Memory Book tracks WSSC history in pictures since we do not have a club house.
- Each member receives a page to put pictures, captions, articles of their times in WSSC. Frank can help anyone out with putting this together.
- Frank has new pages available for members this evening or contact him if you have any questions.

Starboard Tack – Colleen Bury

- Thank you John S. for article in November Starboard Tack. Doug and Kathy Howe volunteered for December. Dale Brennan will be submitting an article for January 2019. Looking for volunteers for February and March 2019.
- Colleen will be receiving a new computer so that should help out with Starboard Tack publication.

WSSC November 2018 Meeting Minutes Continued...

Activity Chair's Report

- No event scheduled for November since this was a Car Cruise to Burger Night at Monroe Boat Club and December is the Christmas Party.

Cruising Committee – Don B.

- Cruising Committee meeting scheduled for this Sunday, November 4 one 1 PM at Leonard's Otter Lake – email has gone out to membership and posted on Facebook
- Please consider joining the Cruising Committee

Racing Committee – no report.

Commodore's Ball Committee – Karen L. – no new updates Commodores Ball set for April 13, 2019.

Participating Club Memberships:

Boat US report: WSSC is a cooperating club and receives West Marine maximum discount. Additional information is on the back table. Doug H. receives 2 extra copies of Boat US which are on the back table – help yourself.

US Sailing Report: Current cost is \$65.00; however, since WSSC has renewed membership for 2018 reduced to \$55.00. Can receive discount by registering online.

ILYA Report:

- Next meeting November 30/December 1 – Doug and Kathy Howe to attend. Will report out after meeting.

PHRF-LE:

- Meeting was scheduled for October 21, 2018, but this did not happen due to weather. Meeting is looking to reschedule in December. Steve Lewis to attend with Dick S.

Kathy Howe requested the floor to speak about Club Participation:

- WSSC is a volunteer club and needs the support of its members to run and also support of the people who show up and volunteer
- Anyone wishing to volunteer but feels they need support or more information -- feel free to contact any P/C to mentor, ask questions or understand how the club works. They are all willing to help.
- It's important for all of us to support people who are willing to participate, and participate ourselves.
- Club is only as good as the people and number of members participating. Help is there to answer any questions and provide support for anything you need regarding participation.

Old Business:

Dick S. requested nominations, motions and elections for the following:

West Shore Sail Club 2019 Officers, Chairmen, and Appointments

Elected

Lance Yee - Commodore; Chairman - Executive Committee & Board of Directors

Tim Lozon - Vice Commodore; Executive Committee & Board of Directors, Chairman Racing

Russ Sims - Rear Commodore; Executive Committee & Board of Directors, Chairman Cruising

Rick Bohl - Secretary; Executive Committee & Board of Directors

PC Doug Howe - Treasurer; Executive Committee & Board of Directors

Angela McKeith – Membership Chairman; Executive Committee

PC Dick Synowiec – Past Commodore Committee Co-Chairmen; Past Commodore Board of Directors

PC Kathy Howe - Membership Board of Directors

WSSC November 2018 Meeting Minutes Continued...

New Business:

- Colleen B. made a motion to have the WSSC General Membership meetings start at 7:00 PM instead of 7:30 PM during the winter months. David M. to put this to vote for membership and will advise in December meeting.
- Phae L. has 5 white pop up 10 x 10 tents that cost \$119 and is willing to sell for \$50 apiece. Cindy L. bought one and David M. asked for a motion presented by Christy Y. and seconded by Amy for WSSC to purchase 4 tents for \$200.00 from Phae L. Motion was passed unanimously.
- Christy Y. thank you to all the WSSC Officers, Chairmen and Appointments for 2019. She also provided a reminder of the Commodore's Ball on April 13, 2019.
- Carver D. 1st day of Retirement – Congratulations!

Admin:

- David M. announced and celebrated November Membership birthdays – listed in Starboard Tack. Correction Allison D. birthday listed in error.
- The 50/50 total was \$114.00 with a \$57.00 pay out. Don B. (today was his birthday!) won the Raffle and donated the proceeds back to the Club. – thank you & congratulations!

Motion to adjourn made by Chuck L. and seconded by Dick S. and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

Minutes submitted by Lori Monk, Secretary



The Starboard Tack Autobiography Section! Every month we will feature a different member. This month is: Doug & Kathy Howe

Sailing History: The Howe's

Kathy: When Colleen asked me to do my sailing history for the newsletter, I agreed but told her it would need to include lots of Doug's as well. I got into sailing because of him.

Doug: *My Dad and Grandfather used to go boating on Lake Erie, out of the Rocky River area (a public dock near Cleveland YC.) As a young boy, I went with them a few times, but don't recollect much beyond pictures from back then.*

In my early school years, we went to a family reunion in the Akron, Oh area. The family had a boy about my age, and a medium sized inland lake behind their house, and most importantly a Sunfish sailboat. The 'cousin' gave me a few quick pointers on how to sail the Sunfish. The next thing I knew, they were having trouble getting me to come back (I was having a ball), as it was time to eat.

Then I went off to college (and the Cuyahoga river caught fire – not related I think).

Kathy: I grew up in Columbus Ohio. Being in the middle of the state, I did not have much opportunity to be introduced to sailing although I loved the water. Beaches were more my scene. I met Doug at Ohio State University. We had been dating for awhile when he approached me about going camping and sailing with some friends of his.

Doug: *A friend in Cleveland called me, and informed me he acquired a Sunfish hull, and built a mahogany deck for it. He and his wife were thinking of taking it for a test sail. They suggested that we meet them at a lake about half way between Cleveland and Ohio State, in Mansfield, Ohio. Kathy's brother had a Mini-fish (an 8-foot version of the Sunfish, made by the same company) which he let us use. So, the four of us camped and sailed the weekend.*

Kathy: I loved the sailing and the camping. But, I wasn't so fond of the wind shifts causing the boat to tip and for me to get dumped off the boat. It took some practice but I eventually learned to stay on the deck. We left the weekend with a new desire to get a boat of our own- someday.

Doug: *After graduating from college, we moved to Sacramento, California for Air Force Navigator training (an 11-month intensive school). We were near Folsom Reservoir (which Johnny Cash sang a song about), and decided to try sailing again. We purchased a Snark Mach II – an ABS Covered Styrofoam competitor to the Sunfish. It was light enough that we could put it on the car top – and had quite a few good times sailing it.*

Our first permanent duty station was at Pope Air Force Base in Fayetteville, N.C. (adjacent to Fort Bragg, home of the 82nd and 101st Airborne). We sailed on the intercoastal water way, usually at Carolina Beach (south of Wilmington, N.C.) several times. We quickly realized that tides, currents and waves made us desire a larger boat. We decided on a larger boat, an O' Day Mariner, and quickly decided that there must be a better place to sail than the intercoastal. We found (Lake) Waccamaw Sailing Club. This is an inland lake about ½ of the trip from Fayetteville to Carolina Beach.

Doug & Kathy Howe continued...

memories was the weekend Doug was sent on an Air Force mission and was unable to race. I took a friend (Jeff) and his wife with me for the races. He claimed to have raced on big boats in Newport RI. I figured he would be able to handle a day sailor like the Mariner. We did ok but did not take any flags. Later that day we had the drawing for the annual Sunfish raffle. I could not believe that I won the Sunfish. At the urging of the members, I successfully sailed it that day. (I did not even tip her once.) I then offered her to anyone else who wanted a turn to sail her. Many took her for a sail. Jeff decided he wanted to try. After several dunkings, he returned to shore and commented that “bigger boats are more forgiving than small boats!”

***Doug:** Upon departure from the Air Force, I joined Ford Motor Company, and we sailed out of what is now Lake Erie Metroparks Marina (LEMM). We joined their Windjammer Yacht Club. It didn't take long for Kathy to become Commodore. Over the years our boat grew from 19 feet, to 24 ½, and then to 29 ½ feet. The Marina was sued by Gibraltar and Humbug Marinas, and due to the settlement, we couldn't winter store at LEMM. We tried Gibraltar Marina for a few winters, and as we built our house on Grosse Ile in 1990, we moved the boating to Ford Yacht Club. Then the boat grew to 36 and now 42 feet. We also progressed from mostly racing with a few cruises (we always did the weeklong cruises with WSSC) to now all cruising.*

Kathy: Doug did a nice job of summarizing our growth in the last paragraph, so I will expand on the **rest of the story**. Our first trip to the Detroit Lighthouse in the Mariner with a toddler showed us how small the boat was on Lake Erie. We went to the MetroBeach boat show and fell in love with a Seideleman 24.5. It has actual lifelines and sleeping quarters. This was much safer for our growing family.

Sailing seems to relax Doug. Many nights after work, we would go out for a short sail. He visibly relaxed and de-stressed from the day. I am a firm believer that the family that plays together, stays together. As we began to expand our sailing time and range, I realized that I get seasick. Badly! I tried every method on the market but finally found a treatment that works for me. Soon, our favorite weekend activity was to go to Colchester for the beach and the ice cream. (We were already primed for West Shore Sail Club cruises.)

Doug began racing with friend as soon as we moved up to Michigan. I tried racing with him but did not like the near misses and overall competitiveness of the races. We did the Jack and Jill race and have two Pickle flags (last place) to show for it. When the club offered Ladies only racing, I decided to try with a crew of my own. We were never really in the running for the flags, but we sure had fun. I do have to brag that the first racing blue flag won by the Howe family belonged to my Ladies' crew. (Thanks to Dragon Lady for missing the mark and being unable to catch us or correct over us at the finish line.)

Our boats continued to get bigger as our family grew. With bigger boats we were able to expand our cruising range. Our participation in WSSC continued to grow as well. Between us we have held every office. Doug became WSSC Commodore in 1997. I followed as the second female Commodore in 2001. So, between us we were at the head table for 9 straight years. Since then we continue to support the club in activities, cruises, and occasionally races.

We continue to enjoy sailing and hope to do so for many more years.

Membership News...

December 2018

Happy Birthday

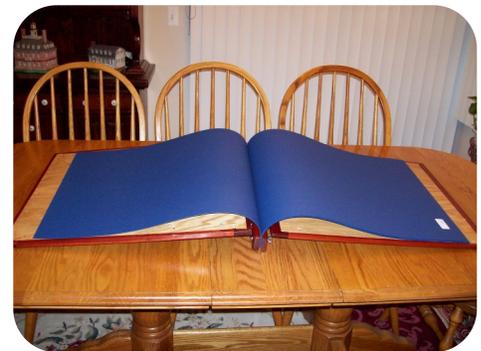


Mary Collie	1
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Jody Larrow	4
Jane Langeland	6
Nelson Taylor	7
Brenda Woodruff	7
Dale Brennan	9
Mike Jablonski	13
Lee Swaby	19
Russell Sims	21
Jo Wood	26
Bryce Boardman	28
Marjorie Sameck	28
Jeff Giles	31

ANNIVERSARY ALBUM NEWS

WSSC is approaching its forty-seventh year as an organization (1972-2019). At this point it seems appropriate to start a new tradition at the WSSC Christmas party this coming Thursday, December 6, being held after the General Membership Meeting. We will have an official changing of the title page on our Anniversary Album from, "WSSC 46 YEARS AND COUNTING, TO WSSC 47 YEARS

Please bring photos you would like added to your page to the party. You may also send the photos to me by e-mail and I will place them on your page. Send to: frankpavia001@comcast.net



You can make your memories and pictures appear in the Starboard Tack by forwarding them to:

burycj@gmail.com

Looking forward to some great articles and pictures.....

WSSC 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date & Time <i>(tentative)</i>	Contact
January GMM & Change of Watch	January 4, 2018	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
WSSC Cruising Committee Meeting	January 7, 2018	Tim Lozon
WSSC Cruising Logs Due	January 10, 2018	Kathy Howe
Euchre Tournament	January 13, 2018	Sharon Boardman
WSSC BOTY Entry Due	January 31, 2018	David Monk
February GMM	February 1, 2018	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
WSSC Race Committee Meeting	February 7, 2018	Chris McCardell
Euchre Tournament	February 10, 2018	Sharon Boardman
Dinner Cruise to MBC	February 15, 2018	David Monk
WSSC Membership Renewal Due	March 1, 2018	Ray King
March GMM	March 1, 2018	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
Euchre Tournament	March 10, 2018	Sharon Boardman
April GMM	April 5, 2018	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
WSSC 2018 Commodore's Ball	April 14, 2018	Commodore's Ball Committee
WNATR Buoy Inspection	April 21, 2018	Lance Yee
WNATR Buoy Work Day	April 28, 2018	Lance Yee
May GMM - ANNUAL SWAP MEET	May 3, 2018	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
WNATR Buoy Launch Day	May 5 (rain date May 6), 2018	Lance Yee
WNATR Skipper's Meeting - GIYC	May 6, 2018	Chris McCardell
WNATR Spring #1 - GIYC afterglow	May 16, 2018	Chris McCardell
Ice Breaker Cruise/Bob-lo Island	May 19-20, 2018	Doug & Kathy - Carver & Allison
WNATR Spring #2 - GIYC afterglow	May 23, 2018	Chris McCardell
Memorial Day--Toledo Beach Cruise	May 26 - 28, 2018	Jeff & Jean Giles
WSSC Cruising Committee Meeting	May 27, 2018	Tim Lozon / Don Baumgartner
WNATR Spring #3 - GIYC afterglow	May 30, 2018	Chris McCardell
June GMM	June 7, 2018	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
Leamington Cruise/Commodore's Tea	June 9-10, 2018	Don & Sandy Baumgartner
WNATR Spring #4 - GIYC afterglow	June 13, 2018	Chris McCardell
WNATR Spring #5 - GIYC afterglow	June 20, 2018	Chris McCardell
Lighthouse Challenge - WSSC Regatta	June 23 (rain date June 24), 2018	Lance Yee
WNATR Summer #1 - FYC afterglow	June 27, 2018	Chris McCardell
WSSC Week-long Cruise	July 14-22, 2018	Tim Lozon - Multiple
WNATR Summer #2 - FYC afterglow	July 25, 2018	Lance Yee
WNATR Summer #3 - FYC afterglow	August 1, 2018	Chris McCardell
August GMM	August 2, 2018	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
WNATR Summer #4 - FYC afterglow	August 8, 2018	Chris McCardell
WNATR Summer #5 - FYC afterglow	August 15, 2018	Chris McCardell
WNATR Fall #1 - FYC afterglow	August 22, 2018	Chris McCardell
Late Summer Cruise - Middle Bass Island	August 18-19, 2018	Carver & Allison Dumke
WSSC Doublehanded Race	August 25, 2018	Lance Yee
WNATR Fall #2 - FYC afterglow	August 29, 2018	Chris McCardell
WSSC Jack & Jill Race	September 2, 2018	Lance Yee
WNATR Fall #3 - GIYC afterglow	September 5, 2018	Chris McCardell
September GMM	September 6, 2018	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
WNATR Fall #4 - GIYC afterglow	September 12, 2018	Chris McCardell
WNATR Fall #5 - GIYC afterglow	September 19, 2018	Chris McCardell
WNATR Buoy Pull	September 22, 2018	Lance Yee
Harvest Moon Cruise/Monroe Boat Club	September 22-23 or 29-30, 2018	Dan Williamson & Peggy Hillen
October GMM	October 4, 2018	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
WNATR Awards Night	October 19, 2018	Lance Yee
October Fun Fest	(TBD)	TBD
November GMM	November 1, 2018	Mr. Nick's, Trenton
Dec GMM - WSSC Christmas Party	December 6, 2018	Mr. Nick's, Trenton

Border Crossing Information: Updated, 1/2018

The best way to return to the US is to obtain either an I-68 or Nexus card for everyone on the boat. The captain is to report in at 313 393-3793 in the Detroit Area (Monroe to south of Selfridge). If you have BR numbers, the report in interview is normally very short and easy.

The cost of an I-68 is \$16 per year per person, with a maximum of \$32 for a family. Children are included on their parent's I-68. It is only good for one season. You can fill out the forms and obtain the I-68 at the bridge or tunnel. Request your BR number at the same time. This is the letters BR followed by seven digits such as BR0123456.

A Nexus card is \$50 for 5 years (\$10 per year). One should enroll online. You will have to report to get the card. You can do this at the Ambassador Bridge or the Tunnel. We reported to the Border Patrol station at the Ambassador Bridge. As you approach the Bridge, shortly after turning to the east there is a gate on the left (prior to paying the toll). Go through the gate (you may have to tell an officer at the gate your purpose) to the offices. Obtain your boater number (BR#) when you pick up your Nexus card(s). When we renewed our Nexus cards at the Bridge, the U. S. officers that could help with the BR number were at the same desk as the Nexus (Canadian) Officers, just on the right side of the counter. For more on Nexus go to: <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/trusted-traveler-programs/nexus>. Once you have the Nexus card, you can enroll in the GOES program online. This allows using the TSA precheck line at U.S. airports (and is the least expensive way to get this).

If your boat 30 feet long or more payment of the user fee is required. You can obtain a DTOPS (Decal / Transponder Online Procurement System) number for \$27.50 per calendar year. Information on this is at: <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/basic-import-export/uftd-info>. The main change is that as of December, the cost of the Customs Decal {users fee} (for boats 30 feet or longer) is increased to \$28.24 (from \$25). You must have this decal if your boat is 30 feet or more in length. You can obtain it at <https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov/main> under the Private Vessel block.

If you wish to use the online float plan, you will need a SVRS number. This is the letters BR followed by 9 digits for example BR123456789. More information is available on SVRS at <https://svrs.cbp.dhs.gov/Default.aspx>. Note, these are not the same as the BR number for calling in.

More information on travel requirements is available at: <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/pleasure-boats-private-flyers>

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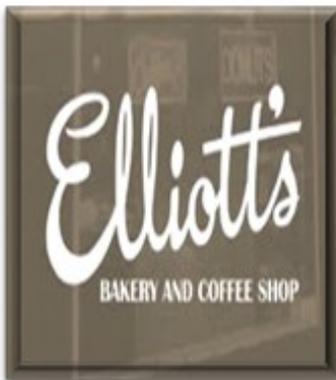
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